

IN THE CLAIMS

1-20 (Cancelled)

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21 (Currently amended). A method for treating autoimmune and inflammatory diseases in a patient which comprises administering to the patient a tumour necrosis factor (TNF) receptor in combination with dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA) simultaneously, separately or sequentially, thereby treating the autoimmune or inflammatory disease.

22-24 (Withdrawn)

25 (Previously added). The method of claim 21, wherein the TNF receptor is TNF Binding Protein-1.

26 (Previously added). The method of claim 25, wherein the disease treated is autoimmune disease.

27 (Previously added). The method of claim 25, wherein the disease treated is inflammatory disease.

28 (Previously added). The method of claim 21, wherein the disease treated is autoimmune disease.

29 (Previously added). The method of claim 21, wherein the disease treated is inflammatory disease.